

PAWLETT PARISH COUNCIL

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Minutes of the Pawlett Parish Council Meeting held at the Village Hall, Old Main Road, Pawlett on Monday, 17th December 2018, commencing at 7pm.

(in the format to be presented to the next meeting for approval)

Present:

Cllrs W Barnard (Chair), A Warner (Vice-chair), A Baker, C Clark, H Smith and M Thomas
C Morrison-Jones (clerk)
5 x members of the public

Public speaking:

- Support for agenda item 9b
- Planning last month 29 Pound Road. Disappointed that PC was not sending a representative to speak at the Development Committee meeting
- Bins being blown into roads in high winds leading to broken glass on the road. Drivers not heading the hazards.
- Parking on the grass verge by the garage on the A38 has started again

PCSO Mike Shaw did not attend the meeting as had been arranged

1. To receive any apologies for absence and disclosures of interest.

Apologies received from Cllr M Smith
WB declared an interest in agenda item 9a

2. County and District Councillor Reports

Report provided by SCC Cllr M Healey and distributed to councillors and the members of the public present

3. Minutes of the Parish Council Meeting held on 19th November 2018 to be presented and signed.

Councillors resolved that the minutes represented a true record of the meeting and they were signed by the Chairman

4. Matters Arising from the minutes:

a) Bench on Gaunts Road

WB confirmed that this will be installed after the Christmas break

b) New salt / grit bin

It was agreed to put this in place now, and fill with the bagged salt currently stored behind the Legion in case of poor weather over the Christmas period. Once it has been bolted down, the clerk will request that Highways fill the bin

c) Christmas Tree on the Green

The Christmas tree lights switch on event was very well attended.

It was agreed that the tree will be taken down on the 5th January

An offer has been received by the parish council from a parishioner to donate an additional set of lights for next year

d) Noticeboards at the junction of Gaunts Road and Old Main Road

The claim for £3,706 (ex VAT) for two new metal noticeboards has been approved by the PC's insurers, and an order for the replacements has been placed. The policy excess is £250. If the insurance company are successful in pursuing the driver for the damage caused, then the PC will be refunded the excess

e) Any other matters arising not covered by agenda items below.

- Footpath obstructed by electric fencing raised at the last meeting: AW reported that the sheep are now gone from the field and the fence has been removed

5. Matters arising from PCSO Mike Shaw attending the meeting

Clerk to request why he again hasn't attended the meeting, despite his requests that meeting time be set aside for him to speak to parishioners

6. Roads and Footpaths:

a) Lighting the path from the Village Hall to Old Main Road

SCC lighting team have provided a quote for the installation of two new lights of £5,048.39. The clerk was requested to proceed with commissioning the installation to proceed as long as assurance is received from SCC that the amount quoted is a fixed price and will not increase.

b) Access road running alongside the Green

A company has been approached to provide a quote for repairs and is expected to meet with WB on site to discuss the work needed.

CC raised the issue that the 'road' is listed as path, not a road and therefore are the maintenance specifications different? The responsibilities of maintaining a path are different to those of maintaining a road.

Councillors felt that vehicle access along this 'road' needed to be continued and therefore a safe surface needed to be present

c) Any other matters relating to roads and footpaths in the parish

- i) Elms Car Sales have recommenced parking along the verge adjacent to the garage, despite reassurances given at the July meeting that it would not happen anymore.
The clerk was requested to write to the garage to remind them of their previous commitment not to park on verge. If does not produce a satisfactory response, then the issue is to be escalated to SDC
- ii) It has been noted that a small red car has been regularly parking by the church wall. Councillors resolved to keep a log of parking to see if there is pattern that could be identified before considering further action
- iii) The clerk was requested to ask SDC what they intend to do with the garages that are not being re-let at the eastern end of Scots close

7. Playground and Outdoor Gym:

a) Routine playground and outdoor gym inspections

CC reported that he has asked the handyman to inspect the cradle swing in junior area at the Pavilion. He would let CC know immediately if unsafe to use. CC to discuss repair options with the handyman

The gate latching issue has been fixed and the new notices are now up at both play areas

b) Any other matters relating to the playgrounds or outdoor gym

None

8. Somerset County Council Rights of Way Team: Parish Paths Consultation

CC reported that currently path 2713 (path through church yard) is a category 3. Councillors felt that the path was well used and should be raised to category 1. Additionally, path 273 (footpath past church to school house) should be recognised as a category 1

The clerk was requested to report the above two paths, but await confirmation on the below from WB before taking further action

- Paths by Blackrock 275, 6, 7 & 8 blocked? -WB to walk it to confirm
- WB to also investigate possible path across land owned by AW

9. Planning Matters

*WB left the meeting at this point as a declared interest
AW (Vice) took the chair for this agenda item in the absence of the Chairman*

a) Consider Planning Application Number: 41/18/00025

Keward Farm, River Road, Pawlett, Bridgwater, Somerset, TA6 4SE

Application for the Prior Approval of the proposed change of use of an agricultural building to 3no. dwellings and for associated operational development.

Councillors resolved to object as the location of the proposed development is not sensible or realistic as it would be surrounded by a working farm with agricultural machinery active around the site

WB re-joined the meeting and re-took the Chair

b) Consider Planning Application Number: 41/18/00024

Highland House, 18 Gaunts Road, Pawlett, Bridgwater, Somerset, TA6 4SF

Erection of a detached garage and storage space.

Councillors resolved to support the application but to mention in the response to SDC that it would be preferred of the west and east side could be clad in wood (rather than the proposed tin) to make it more in keeping with its surroundings

c) Possible planning breaches in the parish

i) Updates on previously noted concerns

Land to The North Of, Collins Farm, Sloway Lane, Stretcholt, Bridgwater, TA6 4SR

Matter for investigation: Change of use of field for motorcycle scrambling

SDC enforcement team have confirmed that they have looked into the matter and been in contact with the owner of the land, who has detailed the use of the field for scrambling is on a purely personal level. It has been confirmed that this has occurred less than 28 days in total since they took over ownership of the land, and as such SDC have deemed the case closed at present.

ii) Any new concerns

None

d) Any other planning related matters notified to Clerk in advance of the meeting.

None

10. To Receive Reports from Members of any Meetings attended as representatives of the Parish Council

- i) AW reported on the Virador meeting he attended on 5th December with WB. Plans for a waste transfer station to collect & hold waste before transport to Avonmouth for incineration were shared by Virador who anticipate that there is a 10 years active life left for the current tip. Another meeting is scheduled for 6 months-time.
- ii) MT reported on the SDC planning review meeting she attended with MS on 22nd Dec. After the elections in April there will be further training scheduled for councillors. The electronic consultation currently in place for new planning applications will not be reversed by SDC. Pawlet is in tier 3 in the SDC planning review
- iii) AW reported on the Bridgwater Tidal Barrier Scheme exhibition held on 7th December. Various flood works are proposed on the Combnich side to protect Pawlett and Chilton Trinity when the barrier is activated. The bank on the Pawlett side is higher so any overtopping will overspill onto the Chilton Trinity side

4 x members of the public left meeting at this point

11. Financial Matters.

a) Approve payment of creditors.

Clerks

December 2018

£380.70

HMRC	PAYE-December 2018	£25.20
Clerk	Expenses & reimbursments	£153.05
Green energy	electricity on the Green (Nov 2018)	£8.69
Noticeboards on-line	new boards x 2 plus installation	£4,747.20
Mr C Clark	reimbursements for Christmas celebrations	£19.96

b) Receipts received

None

c) Any other financial matters notified to the Clerk

None

12. Circulated Correspondence

- 1) Somerset County Council
Provision of Road side grit/salt 2018/19
- 2) Sedgemoor District Council
 - a) Free Festive Parking across Sedgemoor
 - b) Open Space, Sport and Recreation Survey
- 3) Somerset Waste Partnership
Christmas & New Year collections and December 2018 News Letter
- 4) Hinkley Point B Power Station
December Report

13. Topics for Future Meetings.

Consider a grant towards defibrillator consumables

14. Date and time of the next meeting –21st January 2019 at 7.00 pm in the Village Hall, Old Main Road, Pawlett.

There being no further business, the meeting closed at 20.20